

Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC)

Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)

Virginia Emergency Response Team (VERT)

Virginia Tech Shooting

SITUATION REPORT #1

1430 Hours 16 April 2007

SUMMARY

An early morning shooting occurred on the campus of Virginia Tech, beginning at approximately 7:30 A.M. today, resulting in an unconfirmed 20 or more fatalities and numerous injuries. The two primary buildings in which the shootings occurred are Ambler Johnston Hall and Norris Hall. The injured have been transported to local hospitals in the Blacksburg and Roanoke areas. Unconfirmed reports indicate the shooter is also deceased. Police and emergency response personnel have been on the scene since early this morning. Virginia State Police, Virginia Department of Health, and FBI are on-scene, and providing assistance to Montgomery County and VA Tech as requested. The entire campus was reportedly evacuated at 11:45 A.M. this morning as a precautionary measure.

Governor Kaine announced at 1430 hours that he would return from Tokyo, on Tuesday 17 April, where he was set to begin a two-week Asian trade mission.

WEATHER FORECAST

Blacksburg Area : This Afternoon: Partly cloudy, with a high near 50. Breezy, with a west wind between 25 and 30 mph, with gusts as high as 46 mph. **Tonight:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 34. Windy, with a west wind between 29 and 31 mph, with gusts as high as 50 mph. **Tuesday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 60. Breezy, with a northwest wind 26 to 29 mph decreasing to between 16 and 19 mph. Winds could gust as high as 43 mph. **Tuesday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 37. Northwest wind between 7 and 15 mph.

EXECUTIVE ACTION

EOC Activation: The Virginia Department of Emergency Management/Virginia Emergency Operations Center is at Normal Operations, providing assistance to local and state agencies as requested. The Virginia Fusion Center is receiving and disseminating information as appropriate.

Protective Actions: Local Emergency Declared:
Montgomery County – 16 April at 1402 hours

EOC Activations:
Montgomery County – 16 April at 1300 hours and 3 command posts are set-up.

OPERATIONS SECTION

State Warning Point: Normal Operations, monitoring situation

Local Liaison: Contacting Montgomery County Emergency Manager, maintaining contact with VDEM Region 6 and Region 4 Coordinators to obtain situational awareness and accepting requests for resources.

EMERGENCY SERVICES BRANCH

ESF 8 – Public Health and Medical Services – VDH Regional Health Planner on-scene. Chief Medical Examiner and 7 additional personnel en route to Roanoke. The Emergency Coordination Center is open as of 1300 hours today and coordinating activities with VEOC.

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ESF 13 – Virginia State Police (VSP) – Investigation underway in conjunction with local enforcement and campus police. VSP is providing assistance to local enforcement, as requested. Secretary of Public Safety and VSP Superintendent on-scene.

HUMAN SERVICES BRANCH

ESF 6 – Virginia Department of Social Services (VDSS) – Coordinating with ESF 8, Montgomery County and VA Tech to provide support as needed. Consideration is being given to opening a Family Assistance Center. **American Red Cross (ARC)** – 1 Emergency Response Vehicle consisting of 4 mass care persons and 1 mental health person are on scene to support emergency personnel. ARC is activating a Critical Response Team and a Mental Health Team both consisting of 15 members. ARC PIO is en route. ARC is going to the Governor to advise of their availability to provide assistance and developing a long term plan.

LOGISTICS SECTION

ESF 7 - Resource Management – Coordinating with ESF 8 to identify potential morgue spaces, if needed.

PLANNING SECTION

ESF 5 - Emergency Management – Planning Section preparing daily Situation Reports.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

ESF 15 – Public Information – VDEM Public Information Office is providing assistance to Virginia Department of Health (VDH) PIO and on-scene local PIO, as needed.

LOCAL ACTIVITIES

Montgomery County Emergency Management, Montgomery County Sheriff's Department, VA Tech Police, and Emergency Response Personnel remain on-scene. Montgomery County requested 4 VSP CIS Debriefing Teams for first responders. VA Tech has contracted with Cook Counseling to assist students with addressing the incident. VEOC also in contact with VA Tech emergency staff.

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